

Outgoing Board Members Receive Recognition



From left to right, Board member Robert Tepel, departing Board member Robert Hablitzel, and Department of Conservation Director Bridgett Luther

Robert Hablitzel was appointed to the SMGB in March 2001, as the Board's Landscape Architect. Mr. Hablitzel formerly served as Chairman of the California Board of Landscape Architects. As a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the California Park & Recreation Society, he was a natural fit for the Mining Reclamation Standards Committee and has been passionate in assisting the Board uphold its SMARA duties, with a focus on revegetation concerns. In 2004, he sold his interest in the HLA Group and recently began a second career as an elementary school teacher.

The State Mining and Geology Board recognizes the many significant contributions made to the State of California by Robert Hablitzel during his tenure on the Board from March 2001 to March 2006. Robert Hablitzel has served with distinction on the Board in the position of Landscape Architect. He has served on the Board's Surface Mining Standards, Policy and Legislation, and the Minerals and Geologic Resources Committees. His willingness to give freely of his time, energy, and ideas had a marked, positive effect on the performance of the Board in its implementation of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone Mapping Act, and the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act. The State Mining and Geology Board gratefully acknowledges Robert Hablitzel's dedicated service to the Board and to the People of the State of California, and commends him for a job well done.



From left to right, Board member Robert Tepel, departing Board member Richard Ramirez, and Department of Conservation Director Bridgett Luther

Richard Ramirez was appointed to the SMGB in October 1999, as the Board's "non specialized public member" but has been nothing but special! His extensive experience and expertise as an engineering geologist, a business owner, and a community leader has significantly contributed to the effectiveness of this Board. After serving six and 1/2 years as a member on this board, he is seeking to continue his public service on another state board.

The State Mining and Geology Board recognizes the many significant contributions made to the State of California by Richard Ramirez during his tenure on the Board from October 1999 to March 2006. Richard Ramirez has served with distinction on the Board in the position of Non-Specialized Public Member. He has served on the Board's Geohazards Committee, the Surface Mining Standards Committee, the Minerals and Geologic Resources and the Grading Standards Technical Advisory Committees. His willingness to give freely of his time, energy, and ideas had a marked, positive effect on the performance of the Board in its implementation of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone Mapping Act, and the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act. The State Mining and Geology Board gratefully acknowledges Richard Ramirez's dedicated service to the Board and to the People of the State of California, and commends him for a job well done.